

MARYLAND

Military Department 2005 Annual Report



Our Vision

The Maryland Military Department is tasked at both the federal level by the President of the United States and at the state level by the Governor to defend our country and state. In order to meet all of the demands encompassed within that mission we must build and maintain a force structure that makes us relevant and ready for any scenario. We are engaging at the federal level to ensure that the Maryland National Guard is equipped and trained equal to our active duty component partner. At the state level we are working very closely with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency to ensure that we are prepared to do our part of the public safety team concept. As the threat changes we will constantly review our preparedness posture so that we can always be; RELEVANT and READY.



Federal Mission Statement

Maintain properly trained and equipped units available for prompt mobilization for war, national emergency or as otherwise needed.



State Mission Statement

Provide highly trained personnel, equipment, and facilities capable of protecting life and property and preserving peace, order, and public safety and supporting the state of Maryland in a comprehensive, risk-based emergency management program of awareness, prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.



Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

Michael S. Steele
Lieutenant Governor

Maj. Gen. Bruce F. Tuxill
Adjutant General

January 15, 2006

The Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor, State of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Governor Ehrlich:

I am pleased to submit our fiscal year 2005 annual report for the Maryland Military Department, which incorporates the Maryland Army National Guard, Maryland Air National Guard, Maryland Emergency Management Agency and Maryland Defense Force.

Throughout the year, Maryland's citizen-soldiers and airmen successfully continued to respond to the needs of our country and our state. This is in keeping with a tradition of militia service that is more than 371 years old. We have 689 soldiers and airmen deployed in 30 locations around the world including Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Estonia, Kosovo, Kuwait, and Uzbekistan. Our soldiers and airmen were the first from Maryland to be sent in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina to assist with relief efforts. Approximately 600 citizen-soldiers and airmen were deployed to the Gulf area to assist in relief efforts.

The Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) has evolved into a proactive coordinator of resources for state and local agencies who have critical responsibilities in emergency management and homeland security. Homeland security grants for state and local agencies from the US Department of Homeland Security are managed by MEMA. MEMA and the Maryland National Guard jointly operate the Maryland Joint Operations Center (MJOC), the first such center of its kind in the country. The MJOC managed the coordination of the deployment of Maryland resources to the Gulf area in the immediate aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. MEMA also tested a Regional Interoperable Communications Network.

The Maryland Defense Force (MDDF) demonstrated the benefit of last year's reorganization. Newly established legal teams and financial management teams provided pro-bono legal and financial services to members of the Maryland National Guard and their family members. MDDF's medical team, which has been recognized by the US Department of Homeland Security as a medical reserve was mobilized and deployed along with other Maryland healthcare providers in the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Six medical centers were established in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana and the medical teams treated almost 7,000 persons.

The Maryland Military Department remains a solid bastion in the economic viability of Maryland as our fiscal impact totaled \$287.6 million. The ratio of federal dollars spent in Maryland to state dollars invested is strong at nearly 21 to 1 for the Maryland Military Department. In keeping with your "Education and Commerce pillars," the Department continues to provide employment and education opportunities to Marylanders while providing an opportunity to serve our citizens at home and abroad.

Governor, we remain "relevant and ready" to serve the needs of our nation and state and write a new chapter in the long and distinguished history of the Military Department.

Respectfully,

Bruce F. Tuxill
Major General, MDANG
The Adjutant General

Priorities for the Adjutant General

The members of the Maryland Military Department must be provided the right training, equipment and possess the capabilities to be "ready and reliable" to defend the homeland if called upon by the President of the United States or the Governor of the State of Maryland. This will require additional Federal and State funding for new facilities as well as operations and maintenance costs.

Public Safety

State Operations and Maintenance

As our operational tempo has increased in recent years our facilities continue to age with an average over 40 years old, we are requesting additional funding in our State Operations and Maintenance budget of \$1.5 million above the FY' 06 level.

Military Construction

An additional \$6.2 million in state matching funds is required to leverage \$67 million federal dollars for military construction to include; Joint Forces Headquarters, Fire Station, and Corrosion Control Facility.

Joint Force Headquarters

The Military Department is requesting \$48 million in federal military construction to build a Joint Forces Headquarters building in support of the Maryland National Guard realignment and mission. The headquarters would facilitate command and control of the Maryland Army and Air National Guard, the United States Property and Fiscal Office for Maryland and the Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team (WMD-CST).

Fire Station

The Military Department is requesting \$8.8 million in federal military construction for a fire station at Martin State Airport. The fire station is supporting the civilian air traffic and Maryland Air National Guard flight operations and currently occupies only 50 percent of authorized space. The area consists of two 45 year-old buildings and a shed located at the extreme end of the runway. This location facilitates poor response time and equipment is stored outside in the elements. A new facility would be centrally located and properly sized to meet mission requirements.

Corrosion Control Facility

The Military Department is requesting \$9.9 million in federal military construction to build an Aircraft Corrosion Control facility required to maintain and sustain a fleet of 17 A-10 Thunderbolt II and 8 C-130J Hercules aircraft. Construction of the Corrosion Control Facility entails 27,200 sq. ft. of building space and 34,200 sq. ft. of pavement which will enable required corrosion control and preventative maintenance activities. These actions include aircraft washing, paint stripping, component painting, composite part repair/fabrication, non-destructive inspection and system testing.

MEMA Construction

The Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) has requested an addition to their facility in order to face the current needs of the agency. The addition would allow MEMA to provide adequate working space for the increased staff and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) representatives in the event of a disaster. As MEMA has grown to meet the current need, they have outgrown their current facility and have requested Department of General Services (DGS) provide a temporary 3,500-sq. ft. facility until a permanent addition can be constructed.



A UH-60 Blackhawk from Detachment 1 of the 1159th Medical Company stands ready on the flight line in Iraq. The 1159th from Edgewood, Md. recently returned from Iraq where they supported Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Loadmasters from the 175th Wing of the Maryland Air National Guard check their C130-J as they prepare for another humanitarian mission to the Gulf region during the recovery effort for Hurricane Katrina.

Fiscal Responsibility

The Military Department must be an efficient steward of the taxpayer's dollars and look for innovative ways to leverage Federal funding.

In light of the recent tragedies of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, there continues to exist a need for a State Supplemental Disaster Fund of \$1 million that would be used in a Presidentially-declared emergency for the benefit of impacted jurisdictions. The fund would enable them to meet their portion of the 75/25 percent matching funds that are required under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Public Assistance Program.

Health and Environment

The Military Department revamped and reorganized the Family Readiness Program by establishing four permanent Family Assistance Centers staffed with trained employees. Their mission is to empower families through communication, education and training thus making them more self-reliant. This will enable members of the Guard to focus on the successful accomplishment of their mission.

The Maryland Defense Force revamped its medical teams into the 10th (Maryland) Medical Regiment as the new headquarters unit for the talented healthcare professionals that are part of the Force. The unit provided command and control for other Maryland healthcare practitioners deployed to Louisiana in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Commerce

The Maryland Military Department can facilitate civilian contacts between citizens of Maryland and Bosnia-Herzegovina and Estonia through the federally sponsored State Partnership Program. These contacts encourage interaction on economic, emergency management and governmental issues that will help these former communist countries cope with the challenges of democracy and a free market society. The long-term benefit is the fostering of stable and reliable societies that benefit the national security and economic objectives of our State and the Nation.

Education

Realizing the important need for education, the Maryland National Guard strives to improve the educational status of citizen soldiers and airmen. The State budgeted amount of \$500,000 coupled with a 50 percent tuition waiver at most colleges and universities allows the Guard to offer college and vocational-technical funding to all members.



Soldiers from the Maryland Army National Guard unload water and supplies from a 2 1/2 ton truck at an aid station in New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Fiscal Impact

The Primary purpose of the Maryland Military Department, which oversees the Maryland Army and Air National Guard, Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Maryland Defense Force, is to contribute to the security of the nation and the state of Maryland. While doing so, it also has a major financial impact on the State of Maryland.

Financial support to the Maryland National Guard totaled \$287.6 million in fiscal year 2005. Funds are received from the Department of the Army (46%), the Department of the Air Force (28%), The Federal Emergency Management Agency (21%), and the State of Maryland (5%). State funds cover the salaries of both regular and contractual state employees, and the maintenance and repair of MDNG facilities. Additionally, the state provides matching funds for the Freestate ChalleNGe program and tuition assistance for Guard Members.

Federal support to the Maryland Military Department is significant, as shown on the subsequent pages. These expenditures, which have an economic impact to nearly all political subdivisions in Maryland, cover pay and allowances, training, supplies, equipment and construction. This also includes funding for Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The figures listed for the counties without armories represent the salaries paid to Guard members who live in these political subdivisions but serve elsewhere.

Both the Maryland Army and Air National Guard receive federal funds in three basic appropriations:

1. **Military Personnel.** Includes pay, authorized allowances, uniforms and individual equipment, disability benefits, bonuses and related expenses for personnel in connection with active duty, active duty for training (two-week annual training) and inactive duty training (drill weekends).
2. **Operations and Maintenance.** Includes activities involved in the administration of the National Guard, training of units, procurement of organizational equipment, supplies, repair parts, services, equipment maintenance and activities in connection with military support to civil authorities. This appropriation also includes all full-time payrolls.
3. **Construction.** Includes construction and modification and procurement of facilities and necessary items for the National Guard. These funds are not normally authorized for use on state property. In some cases, however, the federal government has provided funds based on the state's agreement to share costs in constructing, altering or modifying selected state facilities.



Staff Sgt. Darren Eggerman, flight engineer with Bravo Company, 3/126th General Support Aviation Battalion, performs preventative maintenance checks and services on the newly acquired CH-47D Chinook Helicopter. It is the first of four helicopters that the unit will be receiving.

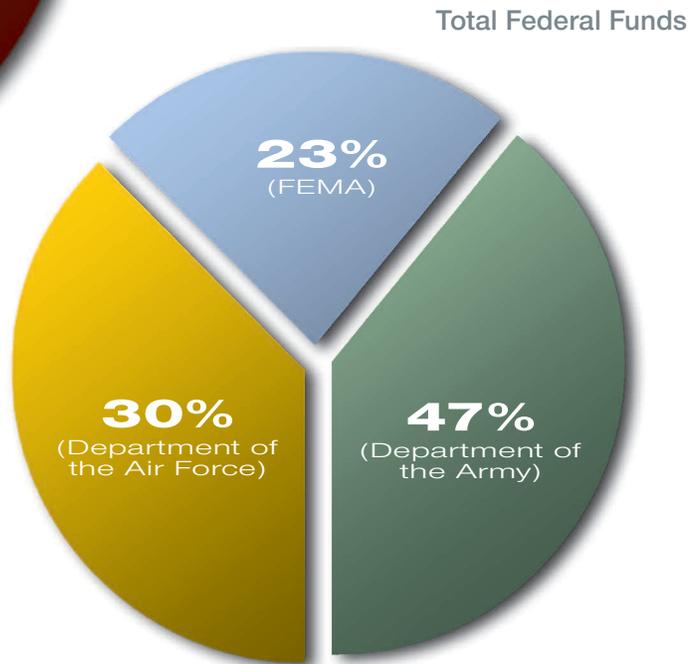
Federal vs. State Expenditures

Fiscal Year 2005



\$13.8 Million
(State)

For every \$21 spent by the Federal Government in support of the Maryland National Guard, the state spends \$1



Fiscal Year 2005



(5 percent) \$13.8 Million
State contribution to
Military Department



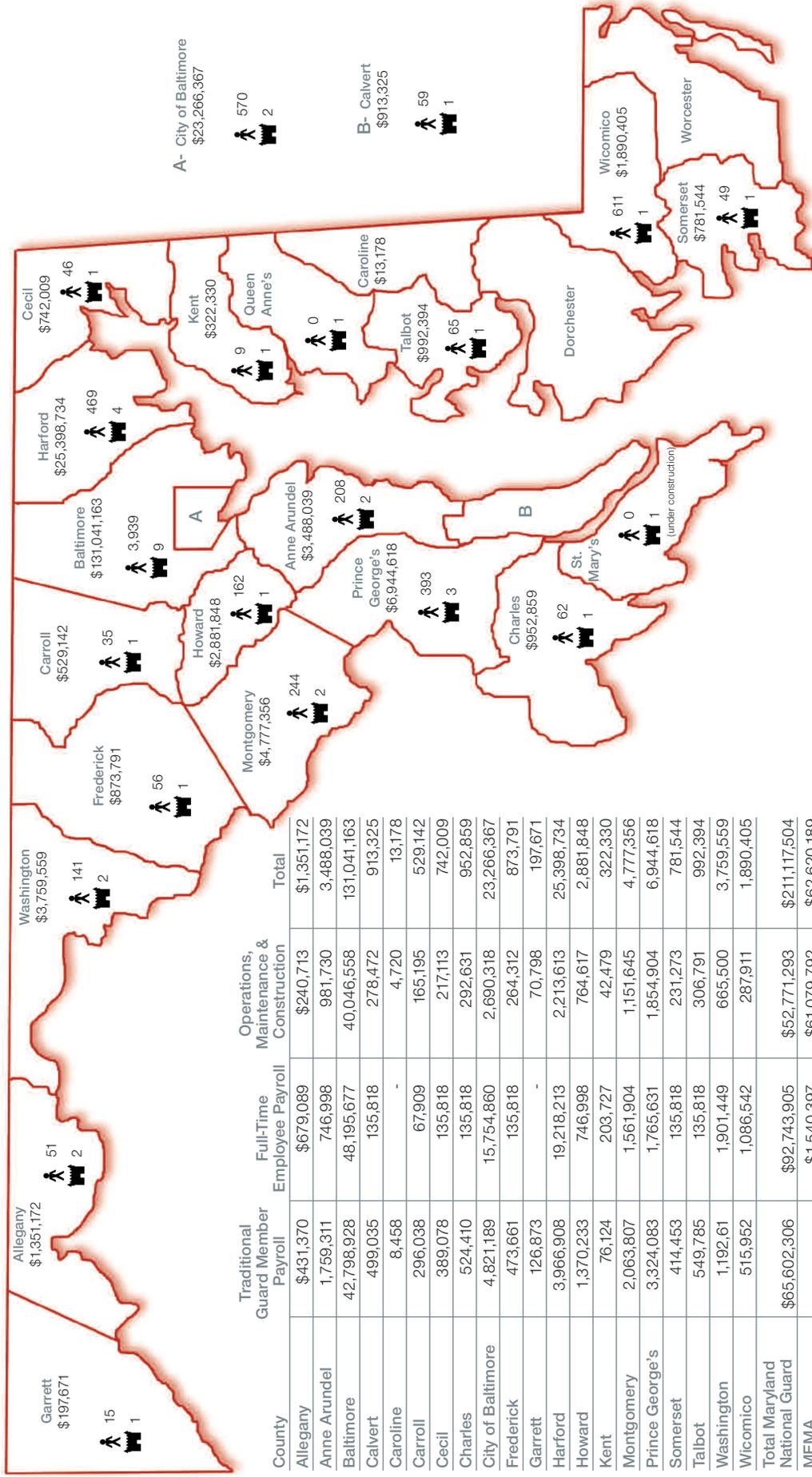
(95 percent) \$273.8 Million
Federal contribution to
Military Department

Total Work Force

Maryland Army National Guard (Full-Time and Traditional)	5,137
Maryland Air National Guard (Full-Time and Traditional)	1,498
MEMA	72
Maryland Defense Force	245
Maryland Military Department	<u>333</u>
	7,285

Maryland Military Department Fiscal Impact by Jurisdiction

FY05



County	Traditional Guard Member Payroll	Full-Time Employee Payroll	Operations, Maintenance & Construction	Total
Allegany	\$431,370	\$679,089	\$240,713	\$1,351,172
Anne Arundel	1,759,311	746,998	981,730	3,488,039
Baltimore	42,798,928	48,195,677	40,046,558	131,041,163
Calvert	499,035	135,818	278,472	913,325
Caroline	8,458	-	4,720	13,178
Carroll	296,038	67,909	165,195	529,142
Cecil	389,078	135,818	217,113	742,009
Charles	524,410	135,818	292,631	952,859
City of Baltimore	4,821,189	15,754,860	2,690,318	23,266,367
Frederick	473,661	135,818	264,312	873,791
Garrett	126,873	-	70,798	197,671
Harford	3,966,908	19,218,213	2,213,613	25,398,734
Howard	1,370,233	746,998	764,617	2,881,848
Kent	76,124	203,727	42,479	322,330
Montgomery	2,063,807	1,561,904	1,151,645	4,777,356
Prince George's	3,324,083	1,765,631	1,854,904	6,944,618
Somerset	414,453	135,818	231,273	781,544
Talbot	549,785	135,818	306,791	992,394
Washington	1,192,611	1,901,449	665,500	3,759,559
Wicomico	515,952	1,086,542	287,911	1,890,405
Total Maryland National Guard	\$65,602,306	\$92,743,905	\$52,771,293	\$211,117,504
MEMA		\$1,540,397	\$61,079,792	\$62,620,189
Total Federal	\$65,602,306	\$94,284,302	\$113,851,085	\$273,737,693
State Funds		\$9,259,815	\$4,564,942	\$13,824,757
Total Federal & State Funds	\$65,602,306	\$103,544,117	\$118,416,027	\$287,562,450

Personnel icon: Approximate number of personnel assigned per jurisdiction
 Installation icon: Number of installations per jurisdiction

Maryland National Guard's Real Property



The Patuxent River Readiness Center was constructed in 2005 and units of the Maryland Army National Guard will occupy the building in February 2006.

Real Property Holdings Inventory Includes:

- 34 Armories
- 1 Airfield
- 1 Air Base
- 4 Military Training Reservations
- 11 Field Maintenance Shops
- 361 Buildings
- 2,998,489 Square Feet
- 4,171 Acres
- Property Value: \$306,750,000**

In Fiscal Year 2005 the Maryland National Guard completed the new 12,000 square foot Salisbury Field Maintenance Shop, worth \$3.2 million. It is capable of providing centralized maintenance to over 170 military vehicles and other pieces of equipment. This state of the art facility offers centralized maintenance to the Maryland National Guard's Eastern Shore units. This location will help to improve the readiness of the units it serves and it will increase the responsiveness of our maintenance teams. The construction team included the Delmarva Division of Nason Construction, Inc.; David Bowen & Friedel, Inc.; Allen & Shariff Corporation; and the Maryland Department of General Services.

In June 2004 the Maryland National Guard began construction of the Patuxent River Readiness Center. The Readiness Center is the result of a joint effort by the Maryland National Guard and the U.S. Navy. Using the "design build" approach, the scope, price and timetable for the project were established by the National Guard, while allowing bidding companies to be creative in meeting the government's needs in ways that are both cost effective and efficient. When finished, the readiness center will house units of the Maryland Army National Guard, including elements of the 629th Military Intelligence Battalion, equipped with the Shadow 200 tactical unmanned aerial vehicle - the very cutting edge of Army transformational technology. The 31,000-sq. ft. \$6.6 million facility, being constructed by Maryland-based Barclay White/Coakley Construction joint venture, is expected to be occupied in the Winter of 2006.

Maryland Army National Guard

Mission

The Maryland Army National Guard has a dual mission. The federal mission is to maintain properly trained and equipped units available for prompt mobilization for war, national emergency or as otherwise needed. The state mission is to provide trained and disciplined forces for domestic emergencies or as otherwise required by state laws. We remain relevant and ready to accomplish a broad spectrum of missions.

Accomplishments

- ★ In 2005 the Maryland Army National Guard mobilized more than 800 soldiers to support Operations Iraqi Freedom, Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. Whether we are called to combat duty in Iraq or a humanitarian mission in the Gulf States for Hurricane relief effort, we have proven to be capable and accessible.



Sgt. Ryan McCulley (top), a University of Maryland Junior and member of Bravo Company 1st Battalion 115th Infantry Regiment from Olney, Md., peers through the hatch of an M113 Armored Personnel Carrier at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin Calif. (photo by Pouya Diana)

- ★ In January, Bravo Company 115th Infantry from Olney was mobilized for 18 months to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. Two members of the unit have received the Purple Heart for injuries received in action.



Spc. Toni Hurlston, of the 253rd Engineers Company, gives her nephew Brylon a piggyback ride as he happily wipes the dust off of his eyes. Spc. Hurlston served in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

- ★ The 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment was welcomed home by Lt. Governor Michael Steele in January after serving 10 months in Kosovo. This unit was recognized by the National Guard Bureau for producing an outstanding publication, the "Guardian East."
- ★ The Edgewood Armory was dedicated to Maj. Gen. Warren D. Hodges on March 25, 2005. Gen. Hodges had a distinguished career in service to the nation during three wars, World War II, Korea and Vietnam, and the state as Adjutant General.
- ★ Three Light Anti-Tank Companies from Elkton, Easton and Chestertown started the transformation process into infantry units in April.
- ★ In April we welcome home the 253rd Engineer Utilities Detachment after one year of service in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit helped to rebuild the war torn country with skilled soldiers trained as electricians, plumbers and carpenters.
- ★ Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. welcomed home more than 80 soldiers from the 629th Military Intelligence Battalion for their service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Joint Guardian in Kosovo and Operation Noble Eagle homeland defense mission in June.
- ★ Company G 224th Aviation was mobilized and deployed in June and will support Operation Iraqi Freedom for one year.



Spc. Fontanez of the 115th Infantry talks an employer of a Maryland National Guardsman through the firing procedure of the M2 .50 caliber machinegun mounted on a HUMVEE during an annual training exercise that included urban warfare training and riot control.

Vision

The Maryland Army National Guard and every other Army unit is transforming itself so that senior commanders who are tasked with carrying out the national security policies of our nation can tailor their combat power with unit modules designed to accomplish certain missions. This means that many existing units of the Maryland Army National Guard will consolidate, have their missions modified to accommodate this new structure or, in some cases, be taken out of the force structure altogether. The coming changes also will allow for the creation of new units and opportunities to serve. One of our challenges has been to determine where best to base these units after they have been transformed. Another challenge is to base these units at locations where they can rapidly respond to state missions, such as natural disasters, which can occur at anytime and without warning. The armories must have facilities large enough to house the units based there as well as their equipment. And finally, the armories should be located where the population constitutes an adequate recruiting base.

With these challenges in mind, the Maryland Army National Guard will continue to strive to be a relevant force...missioned across the spectrum of contingencies...structured and resourced to accomplish its missions...capable and accessible when called...with trained citizen-soldiers committed to preserving the timeless traditions and values of service to our nation and state.

- ★ The 243rd Engineer Company deployed to Iraq for one year in June. This unit is providing security and transporting supplies throughout Iraq.
- ★ The Montrose Chapel was dedicated to Fr. Eugene Patrick O'Grady on August 24, 2005. O'Grady was a member of the 115th Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Division and the only National Guard chaplain killed in Europe during World War II.
- ★ The Joint Force Headquarters was recognized by National Guard Bureau for outstanding Community Relations for the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) project for Phase I of the City of Boonsboro Park, constructed by the 121st Engineer Battalion during their annual training period during August.
- ★ In early September after Hurricane Katrina wreaked havoc on the Gulf states, members of the 115th Military Police Battalion, 29th Military Police Company, 1229th Transportation Company, and 175th Infantry Regiment of the Maryland Army National Guard responded in a call for volunteers.
- ★ In November 2005, 1297th Corps Support Battalion returned after one year in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom
- ★ Company C 2-224th Aviation was mobilized and deployed in October and will support Operation Iraqi Freedom until April 2007.



Capt. Jon Black, commander of Task Force Black (named after him) of the 115th Military Police, shows Senior Airman David Deutsch of the 175th Wing a map of Mississippi and where the group of soldiers from the Maryland National Guard will be heading to after landing in Jackson, Miss. The unit that Capt. Black is affiliated with, was deployed to the Pentagon just after the Sept. 11th attack, also helped to establish Camp X-Ray at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and was sent to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Maryland Air National Guard



During the welcome home ceremony for the Maryland Air National Guard's 135th Airlift Group Senior Airman Katy S. Walsh and Natira A. Davis are all smiles. The unit was assigned to the Central Command area of operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

- ★ The Maryland Air National Guard's 235th Civil Engineer Flight was deployed to Iraq for a year-long mission during which unit members were involved in reconstruction efforts.
- ★ Maryland Air National Guardsmen have supported worldwide contingencies here at home. Members of the 135th Aerial Port Flight were mobilized for one year to Dover Air Force Base, De., during which time they moved nearly 76,000 tons of cargo, more than 30,000 passengers and handled more than 5,000 aircraft.
- ★ In August 2005, the Maryland Air National Guard conducted Operation Raven Wedge. This exercise was designed to demonstrate the future capabilities of the National Guard to respond rapidly and effectively to a chemical, biological radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) event. Twenty-two military and civilian organizations from throughout the Federal

Mission

The Maryland Air National Guard has a dual mission. The federal mission is to maintain properly trained and equipped units available for prompt mobilization for war, national emergency or as otherwise needed. The state mission is to provide trained and disciplined forces for domestic emergencies or as otherwise required by state laws. We remain relevant and ready to accomplish a broad spectrum of missions.

Accomplishments

- ★ The Maryland National Guard flies two of the most versatile aircraft in the U.S. Air Force inventory, the A-10 Thunderbolt II attack jet fighter and the C-130J Hercules tactical transport. Most of our current A-10 and C-130 crews have logged combat time over either Iraq or Afghanistan.
- ★ In 2005 the Maryland Air National Guard mobilized more than 300 airmen in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Whether called to conduct combat support missions over the skies of Iraq or Afghanistan or to fly humanitarian support along the U.S. Gulf coast the Maryland Air National Guard is essential.
- ★ In order to minimize exposure of ground troops engaged in convoy operations in Iraq, the Maryland Air National Guard's 135th Airlift Group flew some of the first combat missions utilizing its state-of-the-art C-130Js.



Four Maryland Air National Guard A-10 "Wart Hog" aircraft perform a flyover of Fort McHenry during the 191st Annual Defenders Celebration. The celebration commemorates the successful defense of Baltimore from British attack, the celebration of the citizen-soldier and the writing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." It also holds the title of being Baltimore's oldest holiday.



With less than 24 hours notice Maryland National Guard soldiers and airmen unload two C-130Js in Jackson, Miss. to provide humanitarian relief to the Gulf states as a result of Hurricane Katrina



Tech. Sgt. Scott A. Johnson of the 175th Security Police Squadron stands with his Commander in Chief, Governor Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. after the welcome home ceremony for members of the Maryland Air National Guard's 235th Civil Engineering Flight, who were deployed for one year in Iraq to be involved in the reconstruction effort.

emergency operations at home, or disaster relief and humanitarian operations throughout the world, the Maryland Air National Guard continues a tradition of excellence and "living on the leading edge" of America's National Guard.

Vision

As the U.S. military continues to meet the threats of the 21st Century, so too does the Maryland Air National Guard. The Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) convened a hearing in July 2005 regarding the recommendation by the Department of Defense to realign eight C-130J aircraft assigned to the 135th Airlift Group. The department has petitioned the National Guard Bureau and the U.S. Air Force to realign these aircraft back under the Maryland Air National Guard. In the meantime, the Maryland Air National Guard will continue to train, fly and maintain these aircraft until a final decision is made, which is expected in 2008. The Maryland Air National Guard will continue with its efforts to demonstrate the value of retaining the C-130J aircraft at Warfield Air National Guard Base at Martin State Airport. This value was clearly evident as more than 100 sorties were flown in support of recovery and relief operations in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Our vision for the future continues to be based on "leading the way." Our goals for the year remain focused upon positioning the Maryland Air National Guard for continued success, and building upon the units rich history, which began in 1921. Eighty-four years later, we see ourselves at the forefront as we continue to deploy the C-130J into combat operations and with humanitarian missions in support of natural disasters. We pride ourselves on traditions such as "First to Fly" whether it's 1921 and the JN-4 Jenny, 1979 and the A-10 Thunderbolt, or 1999 and the C-130J Hercules. It should come as no surprise that our vision is to continue our pioneering tradition by becoming one of the first five Air National Guard wings to fly the next generation combat aircraft, the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

Emergency Management's (FEMA) Region III took part in the exercise (Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia Delaware and the District of Columbia). The feature event was a mass casualty practical exercise that was designed to test and demonstrate the capabilities of the Civil Support Team, mass decontamination, medical, logistic support and Expeditionary Medical Support System (EMEDS). The EMEDS system, which was exercised, could provide medical care for a population at risk of up to 3,000 people.

- ★ In October the Maryland Air National Guard celebrated the 50th anniversary of its 135th Airlift Group based at Warfield Air National Guard Base in Middle River, Md. Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., said, "These citizen-airmen have blazed the trail in so many ways, from holding the distinction as one of the Air National Guard's first air commando units in 1955, to being selected as the first Air National Guard unit to receive the state-of-the-art C-130J tactical airlifter, which it subsequently took into combat this year. Through it all, the men and women of Maryland's 135th have led the way, earning a reputation that all Marylanders can be proud of."
- ★ The Air National Guard represents more than one-third of the total United States Air Force's force structure. Under the Total Force Policy, the Air National Guard, the Air Force Reserve and the active United States Air Force are full partners in protecting the United States and its interests at home and abroad. The Maryland Air National Guard has an outstanding history of service to our nation and state that dates back to 1921, as one of the original five flying units recognized by the federal government. It was the first unit to attain operational status earning the distinction as "First to Fly" which continues to be our motto. Whether engaged in combat against enemies abroad, local



Lt. Col. Johnson works on a victim of a chemical attack during Operation Raven Wedge. The exercise was designed to demonstrate the future capabilities of the National Guard to respond rapidly and effectively to a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) event.

Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

Mission

The mission of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency is to protect lives, property and environment of Maryland citizens by providing emergency management leadership and coordination of response.

Accomplishments

- ★ MEMA in conjunction with the Maryland National Guard formally opened the Maryland Joint Operations Center and demonstrated its capability to Governor Ehrlich, his advisors and the media.
- ★ MEMA implemented the National Incident Management System statewide and obtained Governor Ehrlich's approval.
- ★ MEMA implemented the Regional Communications Interoperability System and demonstrated it to Governor Ehrlich, his advisors and the media.
- ★ MEMA partially activated the State Emergency Operations Center in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and coordinated Maryland's response to that disaster. The SEOC was partially activated for 17 consecutive days.
- ★ MEMA continued to enhance regional coordination efforts by allocating funding for regional assets with planning support across the state. MEMA is conducting workshops with local planners to improve their emergency management planning.



John W. Droneburg, Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency demonstrates the communication system in the Maryland Joint Operations Center to Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., during a tour of the facility which is located at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation in Reisterstown.

Vision

MEMA will be the most effective emergency management agency in the country. Its goal is the integration and coordination of statewide resources, and to ensure the safety and welfare of its citizens.



MEMA coordinated with NOAA for a demonstration at Martin State Airport of a Lockheed WP- 3D Orion "Hurricane Hunter." The data collected during hurricanes by this high-flying meteorological station is fed into numerical computer models to help forecasters predict how intense a hurricane will be, and when and where it will make landfall.



MEMA was the lead state agency for coordinating the Hurricane Katrina recovery effort for Maryland. This picture shows deployed soldiers from the Maryland Army National Guard handing out supplies to the citizens of Jefferson Parish.

Maryland Defense Force (MDDF)



Dr. Smoot, a volunteer with the Maryland Defense Force, conducts an interview with the media at a free clinic established in Jefferson Parish after Hurricane Katrina.

Mission

The mission of the Maryland Defense Force (MDDF) is to muster a force of volunteers capable of providing competent supplemental professional and technical support for the Maryland Military Department.

Accomplishments

- ★ MDDF Legal teams continued to provide **pro bono** assistance to members of the Maryland National Guard and their families. This assistance is more extensive than that provided by Staff Judge Advocate Officers assigned to the Guard.
- ★ MDDF Mounted Cavalry Troop supported major parades and other events in Annapolis, Columbia, and other venues, providing a color guard and mounted ceremonial troops to represent the Military Department.



Volunteers for the Maryland Defense Force receive briefings before being deployed to help in the Hurricane Katrina recovery effort.

- ★ MDDF Medical Directorate was activated, mobilized, and deployed to Louisiana in support of Hurricane Katrina recovery operations (Operation Lifeline). These health care professionals established six clinics and treated more than 7,000 patients during their two-week tour of duty. This was the first instance of the MDDF being mobilized and deployed outside of the State of Maryland.
- ★ MDDF activated the 10th Medical Regiment (MD) to perform all MDDF medical missions and to provide a command and control structure to accommodate the influx of health care personnel who joined MDDF in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina relief operation.
- ★ MDDF has organized Financial Assistance Teams to provide pro-bono financial advice and assistance to members of the Maryland National Guard. These volunteers are professional advisors who advise banks and other major financial institutions. They are also available to provide financial counseling to bereaved families of Guard personnel killed in the line of duty.
- ★ MDDF's Chaplain Directorate continued to expand, with an ecumenical group of new clergy, able to supply spiritual leadership and counseling to Guard units and members.

Vision

MDDF will continue its efforts to reorganize and train to become the premier volunteer force in Maryland and set the standard for public service for other volunteer groups in Maryland.



The Maryland Defense Force Color Guard and mounted Cavalry Troop prepare to post the colors.

MDMILDEP Assistance During Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

The devastating hurricanes that wracked the Gulf Coast of the United States in late August and September brought death and destruction to Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. Thousands of properties were damaged or destroyed and many lives were lost. All elements of the Maryland Military Department participated in relief efforts during this disaster.

Besides the assistance provided by the federal government and non-governmental organizations such as the American Red Cross, states that were impacted requested assistance from other states through an agreement known as the Emergency Management Assistance Compact or EMAC. The EMAC is the means by which a state may request personnel, equipment and other resources from other members of the Compact and the process is streamlined so that issues such as licenses, tort liability and reimbursements are already arranged and the resources can begin to travel to the requesting states without delay. Maryland has been a member of the Compact since 1996. The Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) manages EMAC Requests from other states.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita generated a total of nine EMAC requests from Louisiana and Mississippi. At the request of Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., MEMA coordinated local and state resources to handle specific requests from these states, which resulted in the following efforts:

The Maryland Air National Guard flew 108 sorties using their C-130J aircraft. Approximately 105 Air National Guardsmen volunteered for relief missions in the disaster area. In the process of performing their missions, the Maryland Air National Guard transported 2,078 passengers, and approximately 230 short tons of cargo. The cargo included vehicles, communications equipment, food, water tents, weapons, ammunition as



2nd Lt. Brian K. Zdunowski is doing a follow-up visit with a Jefferson Parish family who has hung a sign out thanking the Maryland National Guard for their help.

well as personal gear and sustainment equipment for soldiers and airmen and civilian volunteers who deployed. Approximately 481 civilians were flown in and out of the disaster area of operations.

The Maryland Army National Guard deployed 656 soldiers to Louisiana and Mississippi. They performed military support to law enforcement missions, humanitarian distribution missions, engineer and debris clearing missions as well as providing chaplain ministry teams, a judge advocate team and a public affairs team. Approximately 130 soldiers and airmen of the 115th Military Police Battalion and the 175th Wing deployed as part of a joint task force to Mississippi two days after the storm struck the coast to support civilian law enforcement. Helicopter sling sets from the Maryland Army National Guard were provided to Louisiana officials to assist in levee reinforcement operations.

The Maryland Emergency Management Agency identified and coordinated personnel and equipment from state and local agencies based upon requests and established needs in the disaster areas. MEMA arranged for the deployment of a joint civilian/military logistics

team, emergency management, fire, search and rescue, and emergency medical system personnel and equipment to the disaster area. The equipment included a state of the art communications vehicle that allowed Maryland personnel to communicate with the Maryland Joint Operations Center in Reisterstown. The agency deployed members of its staff to establish a forward base of operations to better manage the response and recovery efforts.

The Maryland Defense Force (MDDF) mobilized and deployed 241 members of its medical reserve to Louisiana. Upon arrival, these volunteer health care professionals established six health clinics in Jefferson Parish outside of New Orleans. During their tour of duty, the MDDF Medical Reserve saw and treated almost 7,000 patients. The deployment to Louisiana was the first such mission outside of the State of Maryland in MDDF's history.

While the exact benefit to the people of Mississippi and Louisiana is difficult to calculate, Aaron Broussard, President of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana has decreed that his parish would honor Maryland by flying the Maryland State flag over the main parish government building on the anniversary of Hurricane Katrina and that he would dedicate a float to Maryland at the next Mardi Gras parade.



A Maryland volunteer gives a tetanus shot to a local civilian at a free clinic that was established in the devastated area of Jefferson Parish in Louisiana.



Members of the Maryland Defense Force and civilian volunteers from Maryland board a C-130J transport from the 135th Airlift Group of the Maryland Air National Guard headed for the Gulf region.



Maryland Air National Guard Air Traffic Controllers help to coordinate the massive joint air operations for Mississippi and Louisiana.

Joint Staff Activities and Military Support to Civil Authorities

Community Support

During FY-05, the Maryland Military Department continued to support local community based organizations and events through the participation of its citizen soldiers and airmen and equipment. As in the past, the Department has supported local, state and federal law enforcement and first responder agencies. The Maryland National Guard continued with its support and participation of state, local and federal law enforcement by participating in the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center, a first of its kind activity in the nation.

In FY-05, the Maryland National Guard supported community events and organizations at an economic value of \$ 956,450 through the following activities:

- ★ 229th Maryland Army National Guard Band
- ★ Army and Air Guard Fly-overs
- ★ Engineer Support – Community Projects
- ★ Color Guard
- ★ Marching Units
- ★ Use of Armories
- ★ Speakers Bureau
- ★ Counter Drug Activities and Law Enforcement
- ★ Equipment Loans
- ★ JROTC/ROTC Support



Two bulldozers from Company B, 121st Engineer Battalion work in tandem to clear the way for a new park and community center located in Boonsboro, Md. More than 50 soldiers from Company B, located in Cumberland, Md., spent their annual training getting the grounds ready for future park construction as part of the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program sponsored by the Defense Department.

Estimated Economic Value to Jurisdictions

Allegany	\$ 2,200
Anne Arundel	101,750
Baltimore City	128,150
Baltimore County	297,550
Carroll	4,400
Cecil	44,000
Charles	4,950
Dorchester	12,650
Frederick	34,650
Harford	211,200
Howard	1,650
Montgomery	14,300
Prince George's	17,050
Queen Anne's	2,750
Somerset	4,950
Talbot	1,650
Washington	22,000
Wicomico	1,650
Worcester	13,750
County Unknown	<u>35,200</u>
	956,450

Counter Drug Task Force

Since 1989, the Maryland National Guard Counterdrug Task Force (MD-CDTF), a federally funded Department of Defense Program, has been a vital member of a coalition of law enforcement agencies (LEAs), local communities and the National Guard. This coalition has been involved in a multi-front battle against drugs and drug-related violence. The mission of the program is to provide professional and dedicated military personnel and equipment to support federal, state and local LEAs as well as community-based organizations that work to reduce the demand for drugs. Thirty-six highly trained Army and Air National Guard personnel who are on full time active duty status currently staff the MD-CDTF. These skilled soldiers and airmen are from Maryland National Guard units across the state and perform counterdrug duties in a support role.

The following agencies are provided counterdrug support by the Maryland National Guard: Immigration and Customs Enforcement, US Drug Enforcement Agency, Maryland State Police, Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area and a variety of community-based organizations and coalitions.

Maryland National Guard support of drug-related seizures in FY05

Estimated value of all seizures (FY05)	\$ 25,645,209
Since 1989	220,118,518
Total arrests supported (FY05)	529
Since 1989	6,492



Maryland National Guard COUNTERDRUG TASKFORCE member Sgt. Latia S. Adams sets up her anti-drug booth for visitors of the Turf Valley Resort Hotel in Ellicott City, Md. during the Family Readiness Conference in March 2005. The taskforce is involved in educating the public about the dangers of drugs and how the organization is used to combat drug use and drug related violence.



An aviator with the Maryland National Guard's Counterdrug Task Force goes through the preflight checklist on the flight line for a night mission in an OH58.

Joint Staff Activities and Military Support to Civil Authorities

Civil Support Team (CST)

The 32nd Civil Support Team (CST) is a highly specialized response unit that supports local authorities by responding to situations where weapons of mass destruction (WMD) may be involved. The team was formed to provide advice to an Incident Commander. The unit is composed of 22 full-time members of the Maryland National Guard and their skills encompass 14 military occupational specialties. The unit consists of six sections: command, operations, administration/logistics, medical and survey. The CST has been trained and specially equipped to provide a technical reach-back capability to provide additional expert information. The Adjutant General can employ the CST to support the State's response to a WMD situation under the direction of the Governor of Maryland or to support response by another state under the direction of a supported governor.



Tech.Sgt. Christopher Bolts, a disaster preparedness specialist with the 32nd CST, inspects the entry into a building at Camp Fretterd for contaminants during a training exercise.



The Maryland National Guard Honor Guard renders a salute to a fallen veteran at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens.

Maryland National Guard

Honor Guard

The Maryland National Guard Honor Guard has accepted the challenge of providing military honors at funerals of veterans throughout Maryland. In Fiscal Year 2005, the Honor Guard performed 3,317 funerals for an average of 276 funerals per month. The Honor Guard has presented honors in five state and at numerous private cemeteries. The unit has performed approximately 17,546 honors since its inception in October 1998.

State Partnership Program

The Maryland Military Department is marking its twelfth anniversary of the State Partnership Program (SPP) with Estonia. The SPP was launched in Europe as part of the initial outreach by the United States to new democracies in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. The SPP brings together U.S. states and territories with partner nations through a range of military, civil-military and civilian activities under the Maryland Military Department auspices. Maryland also was selected to partner with Bosnia-Herzegovina in part because of the success with Estonia. Maryland has a key role in this international initiative to foster democracy, encourage market economies and promote regional cooperation and stability. The partnership program emphasizes civil and military cooperation with civil control of a professional military. Bosnia expressed an interest in learning how to recruit a volunteer force and implement an active reserve component model as well as a non-commissioned officer corps.



A view overlooking Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Education Initiative

The Maryland National Guard plays a major role in the state's higher education program. Realizing the important need for education, the Guard strives to improve the educational status of citizen-soldiers and airmen.

Through various programs such as State Tuition Waiver, State Tuition Assistance, and Federal Tuition Assistance programs, partnerships between the Maryland National Guard and higher education institutions give our military personnel avenues to pursue a valuable education. In addition, these partnerships provide Guard members the opportunity to obtain a college education at little or no cost.

The State of Maryland has consistently budgeted no less than \$500,000 per fiscal year for National Guard soldiers and airmen. For the previous fiscal year, the Maryland National Guard provided reimbursements to soldiers and airmen totaling nearly \$700,000. In regard to Federal Tuition Assistance, the Maryland National Guard spent approximately \$1.2 million in tuition costs on our soldiers and airmen. The Maryland National Guard education programs allow service members to take advantage of State partnership colleges/universities, including vo-tech and apprenticeship programs. These educational programs are one of the most significant initiatives for the Maryland National Guard. Educational entitlements also help to support personnel strength and retention efforts, as we fight the Global War on Terrorism.

Education and training improve the knowledge base of the Guard and our citizen soldiers.

Participating Universities and Colleges

Allegany College of Maryland
 Anne Arundel Community College
 Baltimore City Community College
 Bowie State University
 Carroll Community College
 Cecil Community College
 Chesapeake Community College
 College of Southern Maryland
 Community College of Baltimore County
 Coppin State College
 Frederick Community College
 Frostburg State University
 Garrett Community College
 Hagerstown Community College
 Harford Community College
 Howard Community College
 Loyola College
 Montgomery College
 Morgan State University
 Prince George's Community College
 Salisbury State University
 St. Mary's College
 Towson University
 University of Baltimore
 University of Maryland at Baltimore
 University of Maryland at Baltimore County
 University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute
 University of Maryland College Park
 University of Maryland Eastern Shore
 Washington College
 Wor-Wic Community College

The Maryland National Guard Education Office successfully signed an agreement with 10 additional colleges and universities to give discounts for Maryland soldiers and airmen. For the first time since the program has been in existence, schools outside of Maryland also contributed to reducing the amount of funds that will be incurred by Maryland National Guardsmen. The new contracts with the schools will focus on reducing tuition and fees.

The schools are:

Kaplan University, American Public University System, Colorado Technical University, American Intercontinental University, TESST College, Columbia Southern University, Central Michigan University, Villa Julie College, Bellevue University, and Saint Leo University

(from left to right) 2nd Lt. Brence Jackson, Maryland National Guard State Education Services Officer, who coordinated the event (left) and Maj. Travis Rambert, Maryland National Guard Recruiting Team Commander (far right) stand with representatives of all the schools involved in the agreement with the Maryland National Guard.





Cadets of the Maryland FreeState Challenge Academy march in unison as they practice drill and ceremony exercises at Havre de Grace, Md. The instruction received by the cadets range from academic training and physical fitness to job skills and service to the community.

Freestate Challenge Academy

The Freestate Challenge Academy is a 22-week residential intervention program for unemployed drug-free, "at risk" high school dropouts from Maryland and the District of Columbia. Challenge is for young men and women who wish to make major changes in their lives and who are willing to take responsibility for making the changes happen. The students are mentored for an additional 12 months after they graduate from the program. The year 2005 has been a banner year for the academy by graduating 111 students in June.



Four cadets enrolled in the Freestate Challenge Academy plant a tree obtained through a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust at Havre de Grace Military Reservation. The cadets received instruction on how to properly plant trees from members of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Year at a Glance



Home after one year in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Uzbekistan and Afghanistan, Sgt. Kenneth L. Lightfoot is happy for his fellow soldier from the 253rd Engineer Utilities Detachment as he sits on his welcome home motorcycle.



One of Maryland Air National Guard's C-130J "Hercules" aircraft sits on the flightline of Warfield Air National Guard Base in Middle River, Md. The aircraft was instrumental in delivering aid to the devastated people in Mississippi and Louisiana during Hurricane Katrina and Rita.



Maj. Gen. Bruce F. Tuxill, The Adjutant General provides guidance to soldiers of the 29th Military Police Company as they get ready to deploy to Louisiana to help with the recovery effort after Hurricane Katrina.



Cheryl Williams was this year's Maryland Military Department's employee of the year. She is pictured with Brig. Gen. Charles A. Morgan and Maj. Gen. Bruce F. Tuxill.

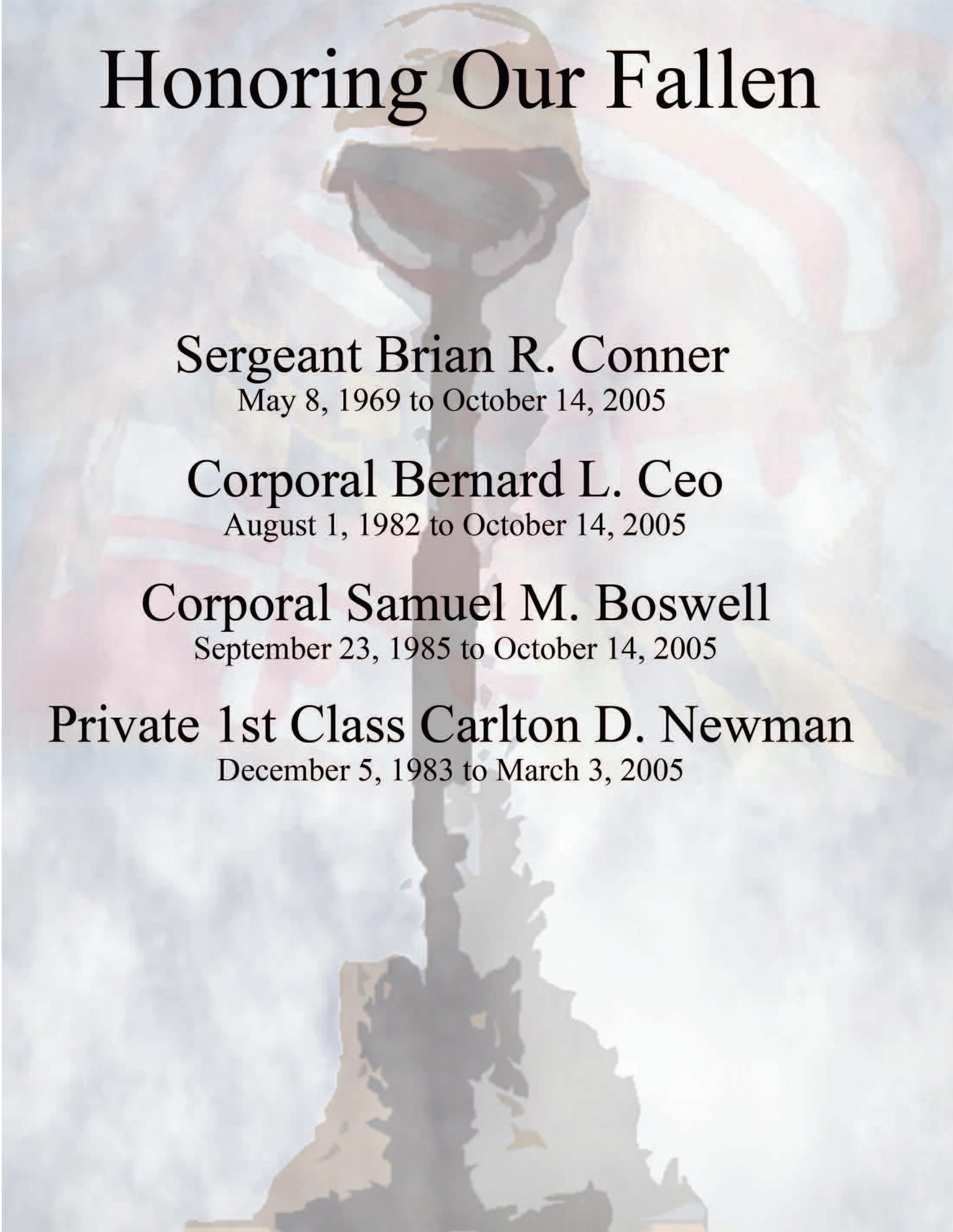


Three Maryland Air National Guard A-10 "Wart Hogs" fly in formation during a training exercise. The aircraft and crews from the 104th Fighter Squadron have been involved in supporting the Global War on Terror.



Governor Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. receives a briefing from Col. James E. Geleta on the Joint Operations Center at MEMA.

Honoring Our Fallen



Sergeant Brian R. Conner

May 8, 1969 to October 14, 2005

Corporal Bernard L. Ceo

August 1, 1982 to October 14, 2005

Corporal Samuel M. Boswell

September 23, 1985 to October 14, 2005

Private 1st Class Carlton D. Newman

December 5, 1983 to March 3, 2005



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